both ways across the Bangladesh border; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to reduce such smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Value of exports and imports between India and Bangladesh during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are as given below:—

Years	Exports to Bangladesh (Rs. Crores)	Imports from Bangladesh (Rs. crores)
1992-93	1028.46	22.33
1993-94	1349.29	56.07
1994-95	2001.50	125.21

Source: DGCI&S.

(b) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to estimate its quantum.

(c) Measures taken to prevent smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh Border include strengthening of Border Security Force and Customs field formations, strengthening of Intelligence network and equipping field formations with better means to combat smuggling.

Negative Protection to Crops

1473. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much "Negative Protection" Indian farmers are working under taking world market into account;

(b) what is the component of labour which was taken into account while fixing the so called Minimum support prices for the 17 crops for computing "Aggregate" Measurement of support during the Uruguay Round discussion; and

(c) the negative protection for each crop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The concept of Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS) used int the Urugay Round Agreement on Agriculture is a negotiated concept designed to measure the trade distorting domestic support given to agriculture by member countries of GATT. It does not take into account a large variety of support measures for the agricultural sector. AMS is to be calculated for the base period (1986-88) only and not for subsequent years. In India AMS was minus Rs. 19860 crores. The negative figure arise from the fact that in most agricultural commodities our support prices during the base period were lower than the Reference International Prices. It is not appropriate to equate the concepts of AMS and protection because while calculating AMS a number of Agriculture support measures are not taken into account. The negative figure of AMS in the case of India is thus not an indicator of negative protection.

The AMS comprises of product specific and non product specific AMS. For calculating the product specific AMS, the applied administered prices were taken from the Annual Adminsitrative Reports of the Ministry of Agriculture. The details of our calculation alongwith supporting tables have already been placed in the Parliament House Library.

Commodities Distributed Through PDS

1474. DR B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for inclusion of commodities for distribution through Public Distribution System; and

(b) the commodities being distributed through PDS?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The objective of Public Distribution System (PDS)